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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

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SELECTMEN

OF THE

TOWN OF MEREDITH,

FOR THE YEARS

1856-7.



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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT.

No printed Report was given to the Town for the year ending March 1, 1856, for the reason, that, owing to the unsettled state of affairs caused by the division of the Town, the accident at the Town House, &c., the Selectmen were unable to get the accounts in a form to be printed, until it was too late to procure the printing before the Annual Election. We therefore now give a brief summary of the state of the finances at that time :—

Town of Meredith in account with the Selectmen, as per audited account.
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By cash received from all sources, \$8457 80

Town of Meredith as per audited account, Dr.

To cash paid for breaking highways,	\$1039 36
repairing roads and bridges,	426 36
support of poor,	2116 97
expenditures and orders,.....	3214 56
Schools,.....	1301 58
Town House,	422 49

Cash received as above,	\$8521 32
	8457 80
Over paid by the Selectmen,.....	-----
	\$63 52

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SELECTMEN'S ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1857.

Town of Meredith in account with the Selectmen,

	CR.
By cash rec'd for two circus licenses,	\$60 00
of Clarissa Corliss, (borrowed,)	300 00
Tirza Corliss, "	250 00
Rebecca Corliss, "	300 00
Samuel Bean, "	382 00
State R. R. tax for 1855,.....	198 21
" " " allowed by the Legislature,.....	198 21
" " " for 1856,.....	340 00
Literary fund,.....	135 52
Town of Gilmanton for support of Hunt family,.....	130 00
Geo. W. Smith for a pair of oxen,.....	120 00
John G. Robinson, on execution,.....	200 00
John W. Towle, on note and interest,.....	24 00
H. M. Swain, interest on note,.....	3 78
Town of Moultonborough for the support of Eliza Goodwin and four children,.....	11 70
Hanson Beede, collector for 1855,	100 00
" " " tax of 1856,.....	1763 89
Daniel Davis, (borrowed,).....	120 00
Gideon Piper, "	69 97
Articles sold at Town Farm,	112 69
J. H. Moulton on note,	10 00
County for support of S. Thurston,.....	21 00
" " " David Clough,.....	58 34
" " " Augusta Ann Haskell,	18 40
" " " John Lovitt,.....	19 94
Hanson Beede, collector,	100 00
Taylor L. Grant, collector,	2334 60
E. S. Cate, collector on list of 1854,.....	100 18
Laconia on Town Farm, &c.,	352 60
Wm. & N. Boynton, on pasture sold,.....	95 00
Hanson Beede, collector,	453 92
" " " on list of 1855,.....	28 64
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	\$8413 60

Town of Meredith for Expenditures,

Dr.

To paid State Treasurer, balance of tax for 1855,.....	\$206 20
" " State tax for 1856,	328 36
Joseph Ela, note and interest,	181 64
John V. Barron, note and interest,	533 33
David B. Plumer, note and intetest,	244 38
Hosea Quimby for Teachers' Institute,.....	28 14
J. S. Vittum, bill for registering births and deaths,	2 69
" services as town clerk,.....	25 00
A. D. Peabody for labor,.....	3 00
Belknap Mutual Insurance Co., assessment,.....	5 23
John Whiting, bill for damages and cost,	4 50
E. S. Moulton's estate, bill for services as attorney, 1854 and '5,	30 75
John C. Gove, bill for guide post,	75
James Dearborn, bill for perambulating town line,.....	2 00
J. G. Dow, time and expense perambulating, includ- ing 50 cents paid Freeman Pitman,.....	3 50
Eleazer Young, bill for perambulating town line,...	5 00
Bradbury Robinson, for pasturing oxen,.....	9 00
Capt. John Webster, for enrolling militia,.....	3 50
J. S. Doloff, damage by breaking through bridge, ..	5 00
Julia Tilton, abatement on tax, (error,).....	74
Merriam & Merrill, for books and blanks,.....	2 00
E. A. Hibbard, cost on J G. Robinson's execution,	13 12
B. F. Plummer, perambulating town line,.....	3 00
Gideon Piper, services as selectman to July 14, 1855,	60 25
" " " " " March 10, 1856,	44 75
B. F. Plummer, services as auditor, March, 1856,...	2 50
Geo. G. Hoyt, " " " "	1 50
R. C. Stevens, printing check list,.....	6 00
James Pike, meat furnished B.Robinson's family, '55,	3 03
John W. Beede, blank books,.....	75
Oliver Butler, superintending school committee,.....	20 12
Edward Chase, carding wool in 1853,.....	1 12
Taylor L. Grant, list of abatements, 1856,.....	53 10
" " " bills for collections, 1856,	30 00
G. W. J. Taylor, note and interest,.....	106 00
William Taylor, note and interest,.....	79 50
Josiah Piper, two notes and interest,	425 09
Belknap Co. Bank, note and interest,	1011 80
County Treasurer, county tax,.....	597 83
Gideon Piper, note and interest,.....	74 03
D. S. Beede, copying inventory,.....	2 00
G. W. Gilman, cash pd.J.P.Jenness and others, '55,	13 26
E. S. Cate, bill as Selectman and expenses,	78 00
E. S. Cate, list of abatements in 1854,.....	7 79
Hanson Beede, list of abatements in 1855,.....	28 64
" " " " "	29 07
James Hussey for board of Selectmen,	24 75
David Edgerly, use of horse in 1855,	50

\$4405 73

FOR SCHOOLS.

To cash paid Charles Bickford, Dist. No. 22,	\$62 95
Charles P. Towle,	114 63
Zephaniah P. Eaton,	75 91
Joseph N. Moulton,	28 36
Benjamin F. Wiggin,	79 52
John Neally,	81 66
D. H. Pitman,	66 06
David Jacobs,	24 14
Hiram French,	54 63
Jacob Smith,	52 73
J. M. Russell,	36 87
B. Leavitt,	39 02
Moses Plummer,	31 39
B. Roberts,	49 11
Joseph B. Tilton,	56 08
Thos. P. Perkins,	66 89
Hanson Beede,	311 02
" "	8 74
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	\$1239 71

FOR TOWN HOUSE.

To cash paid J. P. F. Smith, lumber,	36 96
Wm. E. Green, sundries,	9 53
Cornell and Fernal, carpenter work,	5 43
Merrill & Cook, doors and sash,	17 76
J. G. Chapman, grading, &c.,	50 88
Asa D. Peabody, carpenter work,	54 50
Wm. E. Green, Lime, &c.,	26 69
J. M. & C. S. Prescott, hair,	4 00
Joseph Greenleaf, plastering,	48 00
Francis Hawkins, carpenter work,	9 04
John S. Hawkins, " " "	17 66
J. W. Lang & Co., nails, &c.,	12 83
Aaron M. Smith, carpenter work,	6 67
Gale & Co., locks, bolts, &c.,	2 33
John Hill, clapboards,	16 25
" " " " "	19 65
J. Ela, freight on clapboards,	1 50
Amos Cram, lock,	1 75
B. C. & M. R. R., freight,	56
H. B. Haywood, staging, &c.,	12 08
F. M. Pike, painting,	14 62
S. S. Andrews, painting,	13 34
James Dearborn, painting,	15 00
Nathaniel Batchelder, painting,	4 37
John W. Beede & Co., paints and oil,	68 50
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	\$469 90

FOR BUILDING POUND.

To cash paid Francis Hawkins for building gate,.....	2 67
W. H. H. Fernal for blacksmith work,.....	2 25
Amos Cram for lumber,.....	97
T. Welch for stone work,.....	21 90
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	\$27 79

FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

To cash paid Thomas D. Veazy for plank,.....	7 51
Daniel P. Smith for plank,.....	1 00
Cole & Davis for plank in 1855,.....	6 09
Elliott & Green, steel for drills,.....	2 00
Nathan M. Lee for plank,.....	12 97
John S. Dolloff for plank and labor,.....	7 33
J. W. Marston for plank and timber,.....	4 72
Joseph S. Hart for repairing and breaking new road,.....	18 88
J. P. F. Smith for plank and timber,.....	42 72
C. R. Swain for timber,.....	2 00
Levi S. Swain for covering stone,.....	3 50
W. B. Swain for plank,.....	6 25
David Plummer for plank,.....	2 10
Richard Neal for plank and labor,.....	5 00
Benj. Bachelder for repairing culvert,.....	25
Smith Swain for plank,.....	1 08
David Edgerly for plank,.....	3 36
James C. Wadleigh, Turnpike road,.....	35 85
Taylor L. Grant, new road,.....	25 00
Benjamin Perkins for plank,.....	3 60
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	\$191 26

FOR EXTERNAL POOR.

To cash paid H. Sibley & Co., bill of supplies in 1855,....	156 96
" " " " " for C. A. Hunt,	
in 1855,	69 62
" " " " " "	7 21
Bartlett Hill for serving pauper notice, &c.,....	4 29
Samuel Mugridge for supplies in 1855,.....	11 13
Dr. John C. Page for medical attendance on Hi- ram Plummer, 1855,	54 78
Dr. John C. Page for doctoring Wm. Prescott's family in 1854,	26 02
Thos. Eastman for supplies for C. A. Hunt, '55, Waldo Maloon for support of Theophilas Dock- ham and wife,.....	24 00
J. M. & C. S. Prescott for supplies for Simeon Taylor and wife,	25 00
John S. Dolloff for supplies S. Taylor and wife,	3 62
John W. Beede & Co., " " " "	3 25
D. S. Beede, " " " "	45 49
Dr. H. H. Smith for doctoring S. Taylor's fam- ily,.....	10 50
Town of Dover for support of John Osgood's family,	24 00
Joseph W. Lang & Co., supplies for Jona. P. Jenness,	19 86
Dr. Geo. Sanborn for doctoring Jenness family, " " " " Betsey McCrillis,	8 00
Dr. H. H. Smith for doctoring " "	9 50
" " " " Mrs. L. Robinson,	1 00
" " " " John B. Swain,	7 75
" " " " Stephen Lovejoy,	25 00
" " " " David Clough,..	10 00
" " " " Stanton,.....	4 25
Drs. J. & J. H. Sanborn, " " Betsey McCrillis,	1 50
" " " " Mrs. R. Bryant,	15 00
" " " " Libbey's daught'r	4 50
" " " " Eliza Goodwin,..	3 75
" " " " T. Dockham,...	4 00
" " " " David Clough,..	1 50
" " " " Stanton,.....	34
David Clough for Caleb Swain,	25
Simon Pottle for Lewis Pottle,.....	3 00
W. B. Blake for widow Hannah Gilman,.....	5 00
John Elliott for Eliza Goodwin,.....	20 00
Daniel Hilton for three coffins,	5 00
David Hatch for David Clough,	15 00
Geo. A. Leavitt for support of family 9 months,	6 00
E. S. Tucker & Co., supplies for G. A. Leavitt,	39 00
J. W. Lang & Co., supplies for A. Clark, Jr.,	6 75
D. S. Beede, supplies for David Clough,.....	2 08
" " " " Chase Pike,.....	46 39
" " " " Dianah Kelly, or Dow,	8 94
" " " " Lois Robinson,.....	4 08
	1 86

To cash paid D. S. Beede, supplies for Anthony Clark, Jr.,	1 53
" " " " Eliza Goodwin,.....	2 20
Josiah S. Vittum, robe and cap for Mrs. Porter,	2 75
Cole, Davis & Co. for supplies in 1855,.....	3 45
W. B. Swain, supplies for Lois Robinson,.....	1 00
W. B. Swain, supplies for Anthony Clark, Jr.,	7 00
Sarah A. Taylor, nursing Lois Robinson,.....	4 00
Lane Plummer, supplies for A. Clark, Jr.,.....	1 16
Pitman & Tilton, supplies for A. Clark, Jr.,	4 43
James Pike & Co., meat for A. Clark, Jr.,.....	4 03
J. W. Lang & Co., supplies for A. Clark, Jr.,..	1 41
Pitman & Tilton, supplies for Lois Robinson,..	3 83
R. Stanton and others, services for L. Robinson,	10 27
Dr. W. H. H. Mason, for surgical attendance on persons injured at town house,.....	30 00
Geo. A. Leavitt, support of family three months,	13 00
Jacob Paul, nursing and board of A. Clark's family,.....	17 99
Lane Plummer, for Lois Robinson,.....	1 15
H. F. Hawkins, box for Mrs. Porter,.....	50
Jacob Paul, for Mrs. Haskell,.....	8 00
David B. Plummer, for S. Thurston,	21 00
Dr. D. S. Prescott, for doctoring Haskell child,	10 40
do. do. do. Lois Robinson,.	28 75
do. do. do. John Farrar, ..	1 10
do. do. do. John Mudgett,.	2 25
Samuel L. Lawrence, for Anthony Clark,.....	1 10
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	\$929 47

ALMS HOUSE AND TOWN FARM.

To cash paid Dr. Geo. Sanborn for medical attendence,....	3 50
Dr. II. H. Smith, do. do.	4 00
Drs. J. & J. H. Sanborn, do. do.	92
John Burnham, services self and wife at old farm in 1855 and '56,	62 00
T. J. Smith, services moving to new farm,.....	2 00
John Neally, do. do. do.	8 00
Wm. Langley, stove and sundries,.....	30 86
Plummer & Flanders for shoat,	12 00
John W. Beede & Co. for corn,	9 00
Elliott & Green for corn,..	8 10
John Eaton for potatoes,	6 25
Joseph W. Lang & Co. for supplies,	22 88
John W. Beede & Co. for supplies,	7 63
John W. Beede & Co. for grass seed,.....	2 25
Joseph Hanson for corn, meat and hay rack,...	5 52
John Howe for blacksmith work,.....	9 08
J. M. & C. S. Prescott for shoe work,.....	10 35
B. D. Plaisted for supplies,.....	2 81
Parker P. Nichols for ox yoke and labor,	7 97
Cornell & Fernal for sink,	2 25
D. S. Beede for supplies,	220 25

To cash paid Joseph Hanson for services,	51 21
David Vittum for farming tools, &c. &c.....	45 27
Samuel Bean for cow,.....	29 00
Samuel Sanborn, stock for farm,	125 00
Joseph Ela, grass seed, wheat, &c,.....	11 00
Joseph Ela for a cow,.....	33 00
David Vittum on account farm,.....	452 00
John W. Beede for grass seed,	2 25
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	\$1186 35

BREAKING ROADS.

To cash paid John S. Dolloff, breaking new road, 1855, '6,	3 70
David Robinson, 1855, '6,	13 05
Simon C. Drake, do.	3 00
David P. Hatch, do.	6 05
John Smith, do.	4 90
John Smith, 1856, '7,.....	4 80
Thos. L. Smith, 1855, '6,.....	6 70
Benj. C. Bachelder, do.	7 40
Joseph W. Robinson, do.	7 25
Ezra R. Ellsworth, 1854, '5,.....	1 00
Jonathan Bickford, do.	4 00
David Corliss, Jr., do.	50
Smith M. Lawrence, do.	2 10
David Edgerly, 1855, '6,	7 41
David Edgerly, 1856, '7,.....	14 05
John C. Gove, do.	1 60
Elias Philbrick, 1855, '6,	41 36
David Corliss, Jr., do.	5 15
Stephen K. Philbrick, do.	5 10
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	\$139 12

RECAPITULATION.

By cash received the past year from all sources,	\$8413 60
To cash paid for Expenditures,	\$4405 73
Schools,.....	1239 71
Town House,	469 90
Pound,	27 90
External poor,.....	929 47
Town Farm,.....	1186 35
Breaking highways,.....	139 12
Roads and bridges,	191 26
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	\$8589 44

The undersigned having examined the foregoing accounts, find them correctly cast and vouched.

JOHN V. BARRON,
GEO. G. HOYT,
JOSEPH B. TILTON, } Auditors.

DUE THE TOWN.

On Hanson Beede's collector's list, 1855,	50	00
" " " " 1856,	1200	00
Taylor L. Grant's list, 1856,	272	22
Execution against John G. Robinson,	110	00
Sundry notes,	116	00
Note of Wm. & Nathan Boynton,	260	00
The amount due from Laconia, we are unable to give with any accuracy.....		
	\$2008	22

DUE FROM THE TOWN.

To D. R. Lovejoy on note, April 13, 1855,.....	100 00
R. S. Kennison on note, March 1, 1856,.....	43 46
Gideon Piper, two notes, March 10, 1856,	200 00
Daniel Davis, note, April 8, 1856,.....	120 00
Clarissa Corliss, note, May 7, 1856,.....	300 00
Tirza Corliss, note, July 19, 1856,.....	250 00
Rebecca Corliss, note, July 19, 1856,.....	300 00
Samuel Bean, two notes, March 13, 1856,	382 00

ALSO DUE ON ACCOUNT OF TOWN FARM.

David Vittum, note, April 1, 1856,	148 00
do do do do do	700 00
do do do do do	700 00

Estimated as due from the town for bills unadjusted for last year, and for breaking the roads the present year, about \$2215 45

Deduct amount due the town,..... 2008 22

Due from the town, including farm, \$2435 24

Which amount will be somewhat reduced on a settlement with Laconia.

GEÓ. W. GILMAN,
JOSEPH ELA,
SAM'L L. LAWRENCE, } Selectmen
of
Meredith.

The Committee appointed by the town, at a meeting holden January 31st, 1856, to divide the property of the two towns of Meredith and Laconia, and who were also authorized to purchase the interest which Laconia had in the old town farm, or dispose of that farm and purchase some other, have attended to that duty in part, and make the following Report:

March 19th, 1856, agreed between Meredith and Laconia, to divide Rail Road Stock, Literary and Parsonage Funds, as follows—

Stock in B. C. & M. R. R., to Meredith 69 shares.

do. do. Laconia 58 shares and scrip.

Literary Fund, to Meredith,..... \$2,589 30.

do. do. Laconia,..... 2,191 80.

Parsonage Fund, to Meredith,..... 1,191 46.

do. do. Laconia,..... 1,008 54.

March 25th, agreed between Meredith and Laconia, as follows :—Laconia sells to Meredith her interest in the new Town House, in consideration for the interest which Meredith has in the town Pound, and Meredith agrees to pay all unsettled claims of the building Committee.

Meredith sells the town Farm to Laconia for..... \$1,136 00

do.	do.	Boynton Pasture to Wm. Boynton for	355 00
			\$1,491 00

Meredith sold personal property at farm, for..... \$180 24

Proportion of Real Estate belonging to Meredith,..	\$808 48
do. Personal Property do. Laconia,...	97 61
	\$905 09

Proportion of Real Estate to Laconia.....	\$683 52
do. Personal Property to Laconia,.....	82 63

Meredith pays Laconia for Oats,..	16 79
do. do. Pork,.....	35 50
	\$818 44

Balance due Meredith on property divided,.....	\$317 56
do. do. for board of 2 paupers,.....	20 00
do. do. manure and ashes,.....	7 00
do. do. furniture sold E. S. Cate,.....	8 04

Settled by notes, Laconia to Meredith,.....	\$352 60
Amount received by Meredith for Boynton Pasture,.....	355 00

do. do. do. on property divided,....	\$707 60
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do. do. do. on Personal Property sold,.....	\$109 81
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Amount of personal property purchased by Meredith and removed to new Town Farm,.....	53 18
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Add balance due Laconia on personal property,.....	\$162 99
	17 25

\$180 24

The Paupers at the Alms-House, and some who were not residing there, were divided between the two towns, and those belonging to Laconia were removed. There are poor persons, however, residing in both towns, who were receiving assistance at the time the town was divided, and who are still supported, in part, at the joint expense of the towns,—Meredith having paid a considerable amount during the year, for the support of such persons, which account has not yet been adjusted with Laconia.

Meredith has also paid, during the past year, a sum amounting to about \$2000,00 in liquidation of debts owed by the two towns jointly, on which nothing has been received from Laconia. We have been unable to effect a final settlement of the affairs of the two towns, from the reason that since the financial account has been in a condition to settle, the Laconia Committee have not been able to give it their attention. We have no doubt, however, that the whole will be adjusted at an early day.

The Committee, on the last of March, as authorized by a vote of the town, purchased of Mr. David Vittum the Babb farm, (so-called,) on Meredith Neck, for \$2000,00, and the paupers were removed from the old to the new Town Farm, on the second day of April last.

The character of the paupers left on our hands was such that they could not be boarded out without incurring heavy expense, consisting, as they did, of aged persons, some helpless, others decrepid, partially insane and idiotic, and in the opinion of the Committee and Overseers of the Poor it was thought advisable, in point of economy, and indispensably necessary, that some place should be provided, at the expense of the town, for their support.

The farm purchased, is in a good state of cultivation, in a retired part of the town, and yet easy of access, and is well and pleasantly located for a poor-farm. The buildings are sufficient for present purposes, and in good repair. The amount paid for the farm, as stated above, was \$2000—of which \$452 was paid down—which amount was paid in part by the notes taken from Laconia, and in cash. For the balance, a note was given for \$148, payable the first of April next, and two notes of \$700 each, payable in one and two years from the first of April next, towards which we hold notes of Wm. Boynton, for the pasture sold, to the amount of \$260; leaving \$1288 to be provided by the town.

GEO. W. GILMAN, { Town
JOSEPH ELA, { Committee.

ALMS-HOUSE REPORT.

AFFAIRS AT THE ALMS-HOUSE FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1857.

INVOICE OF PROPERTY.

2 Oxen,.....	\$120 00	100 lbs. beef,	10 00
3 Cows,.....	98 00	200 lbs. pork,.....	30 00
2 Yearling steers,	30 00	Ham, &c.,.....	4 00
2 Shoats,.....	30 00	Lot wood at door,.....	40 00
6 Tons hay,	72 00	Lot shingles,.....	3 00
7 Bushels corn,	7 00	Beds, bedding, stoves, crockery & furniture,	113 00
3 do. wheat,.....	6 00	Stone pot, barrels and articles in cellar,.....	7 50
3 do. rye,.....	3 00	Tools and farming uten- sils,	65 00
Lot potatoes,	20 00		
Lot flour and meal,.....	10 00		
Lot lard,.....	6 50		
Lot vinegar,.....	3 00		
Lot beans and oats,.....	3 00		
			\$681 00

NAMES AND AGES OF PERSONS AT ALMS-HOUSE.

MALES.		FEMALES.	
John Tilton,.....	67	Jane Dow,	80
Enoch Cram,	72	Dolly Nichols,.....	81
John M. Sanborn,.....	41	Olive Hill,.....	46
		Sally Cotton,.....	46
		Rhoda Farrar,.....	58

Died during the year, Caleb Swain and Mercy Farrar.

GEO. W. GILMAN,
JOSEPH ELA,
SAM'L L. LAWRENCE, } Overseers
of
the Poor.

LIQUOR AGENCY REPORT.

STATEMENT OF SALES FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1857.

Whole cost in Boston,.....	\$1210 69
Freight Bills,.....	55 14
Trucking,.....	6 00
	\$1271 83
Whole amount sold,.....	\$1300 30
Estimated as on hand,.....	100 00
	\$1400 30
Balance in favor of sales,.....	\$128 47
Whole number of sales,.....	5,499
Average per month,.....	458

DANIEL S. BEEDE, Agent.

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